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Welcome to the new first issue of *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories*. Bruce Hamilton, Gary Leach, Susan Daigle-Leach, and myself wrapped up the final Gladstone issue in Arizona back in 1999. At that time, I scarcely suspected that more than four years would pass before I would be called upon to produce the next issue. Or that I would be doing so in Maryland with my old compatriots Gary and Susan. Under the Gemstone aegis, we will be producing a variety of comic books for both the seasoned collector and the new buyer.

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Now, take time to peruse this premiere issue of *WDC&S*, featuring the long-awaited return to the US market of William Van Horn, Noel Van Horn, and the Blocks, as well as a story written by Michael T. Gilbert, of Mister Monster fame. And especially "New Zoo Brews Ado," a story drawn by Daan Jippes from a script and layout provided by the incomparable Disney legend, Carl Barks. Barks wrote this story in the 1970s, when it was drawn by Western Publishing staff artist Kay Wright. Now Jippes has redrawn it and brought to it a quality reminiscent of Barks himself. Enjoy!

— John Clark

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WALT DISNEY'S DONALD DUCK

• THE HARD-BOILED DUCK •

"I WAS SITTING IN MY OFFICE ONE NIGHT WONDERING WHERE THE NEXT PLATE OF BEANS WAS GOING TO COME FROM..."

"...WHEN SUDDENLY THE DOORKNOB TURNED..."

"...AND SHE WALKED IN!"

HI, UNCA DONALD!

WHAT'S UP?

SOLVE ANY BIG ONES?

"OKAY, SO IT WAS **THEY** INSTEAD OF **SHE**! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO MAINTAIN THE ATMOSPHERE!"

NOTHING BOYS! THE OLD PHONE HASN'T RUNG IN DAYS!

THAT'S BECAUSE IT ISN'T A **REAL** PHONE, UNCA DONALD!

ONLY A STAGE PROP!

I MEANT MY **CEL** PHONE, WISE GUYS!

"I IGNORED THE BOYS AND STARED OUT THE WINDOW! THE MOON SAT IN THE NIGHT SKY LIKE A LIGHT BULB STUCK IN CHOCOLATE PUDDING!"

"NOT A BAD LINE! I'D HAVE TO REMEMBER IT!"

WE THINK WE HAVE A JOB FOR YOU, UNCA DONALD!

WHAT'S UP? SOMEBODY MAKE OFF WITH YOUR JAR OF JELLY BEANS?

IT'S NOT ABOUT US, UNCA DONALD!

THERE'S SOMETHING **SINISTER** GOING ON IN THAT OLD HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET!

SOMEBODY MADE OFF WITH **THEIR** JAR OF JELLY BEANS?

THIS IS NO JOKE!

STRANGE PEOPLE COME AND GO AT ALL HOURS!

SO?

SO THE PEOPLE THAT GO **IN** ARE NEVER THE SAME ONES THAT COME **OUT**!

"MY STEELY EYES NARROWED AS A WISP OF SUSPICION CROSSED MY MIND!"

MAYBE IT'S A COTTAGE INDUSTRY **COSTUME SHOP**!

THERE ARE ALSO STRANGE FLASHES OF LIGHT THAT COME FROM THE HOUSE!

PROBABLY SPACE ALIENS FIGHTING IT OUT WITH RAY GUNS!

COME ON, UNCA DONALD! CHECK IT OUT!

WHO KNOWS, IT MIGHT TURN INTO A FIRST-CLASS **CAPER**!

THINK OF THE **PUBLICITY**!

"YEAH, HARD-BOILED DUCK DICK DONALD FOILS GANG OF GLOW-WORM SMUGGLERS! IT HAD A NICE RING TO IT!"

WHO'S GONNA CROSS MY PALM WITH THE NECESSARY **CABBAGE**?

PAH SCHMAH! YOU'D BE DOING THIS FOR **GLORY**!

GLORY AND THREE BUCKS'LL GET ME A **CUP OF COFFEE**!

I KNOW, BUT THE LINE DOESN'T WORK WITH PRUNE JUICE!

YOU DON'T DRINK COFFEE!

"I TOLD THE BOYS TO PUT AN EGG IN THEIR SHOE AND BEAT IT! I'D GIVE 'EM A REPORT IN THE MORNING!"

"THEN I SLIPPED OUTSIDE INTO THE SHADOWS!"

CLANK THUD

WHO IN THE DICKENS WOULD LEAVE MILK BOTTLES ON A PORCH STEP?

"A SILLY QUESTION THAT EVAPORATED AS I WAS DRAWN TO THE GLOOMY OLD HOUSE! DRAWN LIKE... LIKE AN ANT TO A MARSHMALLOW.. ...OR, OR A MOTH TO A FLAME, OR... WELL, YOU GET THE IDEA!"

SO FAR THE ONLY THING SUSPICIOUS OVER HERE IS **ME**!

"IT WAS SPOOKY! I WISHED I'D HAD MY TRUSTY GAT WITH ME!"

"ONLY I DIDN'T HAVE A GAT! EVEN ONE I DIDN'T TRUST!"

NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY HERE! I WONDER IF THE BOYS HAVE BEEN HITTING THE JELLY BEANS TOO HARD!

COULD THEY HAVE IMAGINED THEY SAW ANYTHING? TOO MUCH SUGAR IS BAD FOR THE OLD THINK BOX!

FOOF

"SUDDENLY ALL I COULD SEE WAS A UNIVERSE OF SWIRLING COMETS AND EXPLODING SUNS!"

"HAD I BEEN SHOT AT? I FLATTENED MYSELF AGAINST THE WALL, DESPERATE FOR THE FEEL OF SOMETHING SOLID!"

"THEN, AS MY VISION RETURNED..."

WHO ARE YOU, PAL, AND WHAT ARE YA DOIN' SNOOPING AROUND OUT HERE?

"CAUGHT! IT WAS TIME TO BLUFF MY WAY OUT WITH SOME REALLY FIRST-CLASS HARD-BOILED **LINGO!**"

I...UH... WELL, YOU SEE, ER...UH... THAT IS...

YOU BETTER GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO WRITE YOUR DIALOG FOR YOU, BRIGHT-EYES!

BUT- BUT-

COME ON, PAL! MAYBE THE **BOSS** CAN PUT SOME SNAP INTO YOUR PATTER!

"MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH, THE BOYS WERE BEGINNING TO WONDER WHAT I WAS UP TO!"

I WONDER WHAT UNCA DONALD IS UP TO?

BEATS ME!

I SAY WE GET SOME SLEEP AND FORGET ABOUT IT!

"IT LOOKED LIKE YOURS TRULY WAS ON HIS OWN!"

ZZZ!

ZZZ!

ZZZ!

CAN'T YOU GUYS TURN SOME LIGHTS ON IN THIS DUMP?

NA! IT INTERFERES WITH THE ATMOSPHERE! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS!

"WAS HAULED INTO AN INNER-SANCTUM WHERE I CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE **BOSS!**"

GLADSTONE! **YOU?**

SOMEONE WITH A NICE HAT LIKE YOURS, DONALD, OUGHT TO HAVE BETTER DIALOG!

I **TOLD** HIM, BOSS!

SO YOU'RE A HARD-BOILED DUCK, EH, DONALD? STICKING YOUR NOSE IN WHERE IT **DOESN'T** BELONG?

I DON'T HAVE A NOSE, COUSIN, I HAVE A **BEAK**!

FUNNY TOO, EH? TELL ME, DO YOU LIKE **SEAFOOD**?

YOU KNOW, CUZZIE-POO, YOUR DIALOG ISN'T ANYTHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT EITHER!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, FINGERS, IS IT TIME TO INTRODUCE OUR BEAKY FRIEND HERE TO THE FISH?

JUST SAY THE WORD, BOSS!

FISH!

BONK

"THE NEXT THING I KNEW I HAD SALT SPRAY ON MY FACE AND THE FEELING I WAS ON GRANDMA DUCK'S PORCH SWING!"

"ONLY I WASN'T!"

FUN'S FUN, CUZ, BUT ISN'T THIS CARRYING THINGS A BIT FAR?

I'M NOT YOUR **COUSIN**, GUMSHOE!

UNCLE SCROOGE? YOU'VE GOT TO BE **KIDDING**!

"ONLY HE WASN'T, AND TWO SECONDS LATER I WAS PLUNGING TOWARD THE BRINEY LIKE A HORSEFLY WHO'D SWALLOWED AN ANVIL!"

SPLOOSH

"I SAID HELLO TO THE FISH..."

BLUB BLUBBITY BLUB!

"...THEN SHOT TO THE SURFACE LIKE A PORPOISE WITH A HOTFOOT!"

SPUTTER! WHAT THE DING-DONG DICKENS IS GOING ON HERE? AND WHERE'S MY **HAT**?

THERE'LL BE **REAL** TROUBLE IF I DON'T FIND MY HAT!

"AS I CRAWLED ASHORE, THE BOYS WERE WAITING! LOUIE HELD MY HAT!"

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?

FINDING YOUR HAT, UNCA DONALD!

SOMEBODY HAD TO DO IT!

YOU'RE RIGHT, BOYS! THANKS!

BUT RIGHT NOW WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO OUR NEIGHBOR'S JOINT AND NAIL UNCLE SCROOGE!

UNCA SCROOGE?

"I FILLED THE BOYS IN ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO DATE!"

I SMELL SOMETHING **FISHY** HERE!

THAT'S PROBABLY ME!

NO, I MEAN ABOUT UNCA SCROOGE!

HE WOULDN'T HAVE TOSSED YOU INTO THE OCEAN!

NOT UNLESS THERE WAS **MONEY** IN IT!

"AN HOUR LATER WE STOOD IN FRONT OF THE GLOOMY OLD HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET!"

WHAT GLOOMY OLD HOUSE?

GEE WILLIKERS, IT'S **GONE**!

"GEE WILLIKERS"? WHERE'D **THAT** COME FROM?

A HOUSE JUST DOESN'T GET UP AND WALK AWAY!

I DON'T KNOW WHY NOT! WE SUDDENLY APPEARED ON THE WATERFRONT, DIDN'T WE?

MAYBE IT WENT UP IN SMOKE!

"WE TURNED, STARING DUMBFOUNDED FOR A MOMENT! THEN, WITH LIGHTNING FEROCITY, MY STEEL-TRAP MIND GRASPED THE SITUATION!"

MAGICA DE SPELL! YOU?

YOUR DIALOG HASN'T IMPROVED A BIT, DUCKY BOY!

MAYBE NOT, BUT IT'S DRAMATIC!

"MAGICA SLINKED CLOSER, HER FOXY EYES AGLOW!"

I HAVEN'T TIME FOR DRAMA, GUMSHOE! MY GRAND PLAN TEETERS UPON THE BRINK OF COMPLETION!

SOUNDS GOOD, BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

MAGICA HAS TURNED HERSELF INTO A GIANT COIN-SORTER!

THIS IS POSITIVELY DIABOLICAL!

IT MEANS I SHALL SOON HAVE SCROOGES **FIRST DIME**, HIS SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, AND ALL OF THE GAZILLIONS OF HIS DIMES THAT FOLLOW!

AND NO ONE CAN **STOP** ME! **NYA HAAAA!**

FOOF

"IT WAS WORSE, THAN DIABOLICAL! IF MAGICA'S PLANS CAME TO FRUITION, EARTH'S ECONOMY WOULD CRUMBLE!

VOLCANOS WOULD ERUPT!

FRIENDLY NATIVES WOULD BE COVERED WITH LAVA!"

LOOK OUT! SHE'S ON THE MOVE!

CLINK

IT'S UNCLE SCROOGE'S WORST NIGHTMARE COME TRUE!

PERHAPS, BUT THERE'S AN EVEN BIGGER PROBLEM HERE, UNCA DONALD!

THUD

LIKE WHAT?

NONE OF THIS MAKES ANY SENSE AT ALL!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO WRITE A DETECTIVE STORY, UNCA DONALD, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A **PLOT** OF SOME KIND!

I KNOW, BOYS! BUT FOR THE LIFE OF ME, NO MATTER HOW HARD I'VE TRIED...

...I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO **THINK** OF ONE!

Have you been sitting around,

wondering where your next plate

of beans is going to come from?

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Walt Disney's MICKEY MOUSE "Checkmate"

Dear Mickey,
Please come down to the police station at once! I have just learned that the Blot is back in town and I fear there will be trouble!

Your friend,
Chief O'Hara

SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT MICKEY! WHY DID THE CHIEF SEND YOU A NOTE INSTEAD OF JUST CALLING YOU ON THE PHONE?

I DUNNO, MIN! MAYBE HE'S PARANOID THAT THE BLOT IS TAPPING HIS PHONE?

BRR! MIGHT DO! HE'S DANGEROUS!

YEP BUT DON'T WORRY! I'VE ALWAYS MANAGED TO FOIL HIM!

I ADMIT HE'S ALWAYS MANAGED TO ESCAPE, BUT TONIGHT WILL BE DIFFERENT.

I'LL NOT ONLY FOIL HIM, I'LL NAB HIM TOO!

ANYWAY, I BEAT HIM SO BADLY LAST TIME THAT I DOUBT HE'LL SHOW HIS FACE AROUND ME AGAIN!

?

!

OOH!

HE'S BEEN FOLLOWING US THE WHOLE TIME!

YES! THE NOTE I SENT YOU LURED YOU OUT!

HOW CLEVER! WHAT'S YOUR RACKET THIS TIME, BLOT?

TO GET YOU, MY FRIEND, TO BOW TO MY SUPERIORITY!

THEATRICS ASIDE, I INSIST THAT YOU BOW DOWN TO ME!

?

FORGET IT! I'D MUCH RATHER TAKE YOU DOWN A PEG OR TWO!

DOGGONE YOU, BLOT! THIS ISN'T A BOW!

GESTURES OF DEFIANCE ARE ADMIRABLE, MOUSE

BUT ULTIMATELY POINTLESS AGAINST ME!

TALK'S CHEAP, BUSTER! WHY DON'T YOU PUT YOUR FANCY FOOTWORK WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS?

MY THOUGHTS EXACTLY! I KNEW YOU'D NEED A LITTLE MORE PERSUASION! HA HA HA!

-EEEK!

UH-OH!

NOW WILL YOU BOW TO MY SUPERORITY? NOW DO YOU BELIEVE I CAN NOT BE DEFEATED?

I..I BELIEVE YOU'RE A NUTCASE!

ENOUGH! BOW TO MY SUPERORITY OR I'LL BLOT OUT THE MINDS OF EVERYONE IN THIS CITY!

ALLOW ME TO DEMONSTRATE!

ZAP! ZAP!

YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! THE POLICE WILL STOP YOU!

THE POLICE? HA HA! YOU MEAN THOSE WITLESS ZOMBIES?

WELL, MICKEY WILL STOP YOU!

UH...THAT'S RIGHT, BLOT! I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!

MAYBE YOU WON'T, MISTER, BUT WE WILL!

?

WE DON'T WANT TO BE TURNED INTO MINDLESS MORONS!

YEAH! SO JUST BOW DOWN TO THE GUY AND MAYBE HE'LL GO AWAY!

YOU'VE COWED THEM, BLOT, BUT NOT ME!

A TEMPORARY STATE OF AFFAIRS, I ASSURE YOU!

AFTER ALL, HOW CAN YOU HOPE TO STOP ME WHEN YOU CAN'T EVEN TOUCH ME?!

MICKEY! NO! THE BLOT'S GOADING YOU INTO PLAYING HIS GAME!

!

HA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY HOPE TO BEAT HIS FANTASTIC NEW POWERS IN A PHYSICAL CONTEST!

INSTEAD OF CHASING HIM LIKE SOME GANGLY PUPPY, YOU'VE GOT TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO OUTSMART HIM!

DOGGONE IT, YOU'RE RIGHT! THE ONLY WAY TO BEAT THE BLOT IS TO OUTWIT HIM!

PARDON ME, BUT IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO OUTWIT ME, COULD YOU PLEASE HURRY UP AND DO IT?

! ? !

GRR! MAKE A CHUMP OUTTA ME, WILL YA?!

WELL, MISTER, I'LL WORRY ABOUT OUTWITTING YOU LATER! RIGHT NOW IT WILL GIVE ME GREAT PLEASURE TO...

WRING YOU OUT OF THAT SHEET AND HANG YOU UP TO DRY!

OH, SO?

THEN CATCH ME IF YOU CAN LITTLE MAN! HA-HA-HA-HA!

I'LL BE OVER HERE WAITING FOR YOU!

!

THEN YOU'RE WAITING FOR A BRUISING, BUSTER!

THEN AGAIN-- GULP! MAYBE NOT!

TWIG!

WH-WHAT A FOOL I AM! I JUST NOW REALIZED THAT BY MAKING THIS A PHYSICAL CONTEST..

THE BLOT HAS IN FACT OUTWITTED ME!

WHAT STROKE OF GENIUS! HE BEAT ME BY REFUSING TO ENGAGE IN A BATTLE OF WITS!

-EEK!- MICKEY! HELP!

WHICH, WHICH LEAVES ME POWERLESS TO STOP HIM!

SO GOOD OF YOU TO JOIN US, MOUSE!

IT'S SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO FETCH YOU!

BEHOLD! W TH THE A D OF TH S MACH NE, I'LL ENSLAVE THE M ND S OF EVERYONE IN TH S C TY—AND IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

AS FOR YOU, MOUSE, YOUR RESISTANCE HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH!

NOW, BOW TO MY SUPERIOR TY OR I'LL ZAP HER!

NO, MICKEY! DON'T G VE IN TO HIM! YOU CAN STOP HIM!

NO. NO I CAN'T.

I ..I'M STYM ED MINNIE! I CAN'T BEAT HIM PHYS CALLY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING TO OUTW T IN SUCH A S MPLE SCHEME!

AND F I DON'T G VE IN, HE'LL TURN YOU NTO A MINDLESS ZOMB E!

YOU W N, BLOT! I BOW TO YOUR SUPER OR TY!

AT LAST! I'VE VANQU SHED MICKEY MOUSE!

AT LAST I'M FREE TO CONQUER THE WORLD WITHOUT MICKEY MOUSE THWARTING MY PLANS!

THAT MAY BE, BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T BEATEN ME!

GO AHEAD, YOU BIG APE— ZAP ME! I DARE YOU!

MADAM, I WOULDN'T EVEN NEED THIS STRENGTH-ENHANCING BODY SUIT TO SWAT YOU OUT OF THE WAY!

BUT I PREFER TO SAVE THAT PLEASURE FOR LATER! RIGHT NOW I NEED TO CHANNEL THIS MACHINE'S POWER INTO MY BODY SUIT...

AND USE THAT POWER TO BEGIN MY CONQUEST!

ZAP!

ZAP!

WHY, YOU . YOU ...

I WON'T STAND FOR BEING IGNORED! BESIDES

...TO USE A DISGUSTING EXPRESSION, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT!

STOP! THAT MACHINE IS DELICATE! KICKING IT COULD CAUSE AN OVERLOAD!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND MR TALL DARK AND UGLY!

CLANG!

CLANG!

CLANG!

HA! A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE IS JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

!

ZAP!

FZZZT

GOOD RIDDANCE!

WELL, I'LL BE !

AS FOR YOU, MICKEY MOUSE, HOW DARE YOU JUST GIVE UP ON ME?!

BUT BUT MINNIE!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CONVINCED ME A PHYSICAL APPROACH WAS POINTLESS!

-ARRGH!- YOU NEVER LISTEN, MICKEY! I ADVISED YOU TO OUTSMART THE BLOT!

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I DID WHEN I KICKED THE TAR OUT OF HIS MACHINE!

THERE SHE IS! SHE'S THE ONE WHO STOPPED THE BLOT!

OH MY GOODNESS!

YOU'RE A HERO!

YOU SAVED US ALL!

THE ONLY ONE IN TOWN WITH GUMPTION ENOUGH TO STAND UP TO THE BLOT!

THEY'RE RIGHT! MINNIE WHIPPED THE BLOT!

STILL, THE BLOT WILL RETURN SOME DAY! AND WHEN HE DOES,

. I JUST HOPE MINNIE WILL LET ME HELP HER FOIL HIS NEXT SINISTER SCHEME!

Walt Disney's

Donald Duck

"MAKING A SPLASH"

MY, MY, AREN'T WE INDUSTRIOUS! BUILDING A RABBIT HUTCH OR SOMETHING?

ZZZ!

ZZZ!

ZZZ!

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NOT A RABBIT HUTCH, UNCA DONALD! WE'RE BUILDING A RACING CAR—FOR A *CONTEST!*

AH! *SOAPBOX DERBY!* I DID THAT WHEN I WAS A LAD! THEY CALLED ME THE "SOAPBOX SIZZLER" BECAUSE I ZIPPED RIGHT BY EVERYBODY ELSE!

YOU MIGHT BENEFIT FROM MY EXPERIENCE.

HAVE YOU HAD EXPERIENCE WITH *"SPLASH 'EM"?*

"SPLASH 'EM"? THAT GOOFBALL TV SHOW? *HA!* ALL THIS WORK FOR A CHEAP PRIZE, AND YOU'LL STILL END UP DUNKED IN THE WATER WEARING A MONKEY SUIT!

ER, NO...

THE IDEA IS TO RACE OVER A NARROW BRIDGE IN A HOMEMADE VEHICLE!

WHOEVER RINGS THE BELL FIRST WINS A *THOUSAND DOLLARS!*

A TH-THOUSAND DOLLARS?

NO KIDDING?

COUNT ME IN!

HELLO! IS THIS "SPLASH 'EM"? THE NAME'S DONALD DUCK! I WANT TO ENTER THE CONTEST!

TOMORROW? 5 IS ON THE DOT? FINE, I'LL BE THERE!

HA! HA! THE THOUSAND BUCKS ARE AS GOOD AS MINE! I WAS ALWAYS THE FASTEST KID ALIVE, EVEN ON A TRICYCLE!

THAT NIGHT...

THE LEADING EDGE REQUIRES AN ANGLE OF 50-(2/3) 50-6 FOR THE LEAST AIR RESISTANCE AND—

HAMMER!

BAM!

WRENCH!

THE NEXT MORNING...

VIOLA! WHEN THE OTHER COMPETITORS SEE THIS BUGGY, THEY'LL KNOW THEY'VE GOT NO CHANCE AT ALL!

FLYNG DUCKMAN

WE'RE LEAVING NOW, UNCA DONALD! IF WE'RE LATE, WE'LL BE DISQUALIFIED!

GOOD THINKING! NO SENSE TAKING ANY CHANCES IN THAT RATTLETRAP!

AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT LOSING THE THOUSAND DOLLARS! I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOME ICE CREAM AFTER THE RACE!

WE'LL HOLD YOU TO THAT!

I DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE FOR *HOURS* YET! I'LL TAKE A LITTLE SNOOZE, THAT WAY I'LL BE FRESH AS A DAISY FOR MY RUN!

FLYNG DUCKMAN

LATER...

HUH? WHAT? BOY, I REALLY DROPPED OFF! TH-THE CONTEST.!

WAK! THREE O'CLOCK! I HAVE TO BE THERE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!

FLYING

THERE ISN'T A SECOND TO LOSE! FORTUNATELY, IT'S DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY TO THE RACETRACK!

HEY! STOP THAT THING! THIS AREA...

GULP!

FLYING DUCKMAN

...S OFF-LIMITS!

WHAM!

BOOM!

BAM!

NO RESPECT FOR THE LAW, EH? YOU'RE IN FOR A BIG FINE, PAL!

STOP THIS THING!

I SAID...!

GULP! I HEARD YOU! BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY BRAKES!

I'LL MAKE A NOTE OF THAT! NO BRAKES, NO LIGHT, NO HORN, NO BUMPERS, NO.

Splash 'Em!

AT THAT MOMENT...

BRAVO! THAT'S 17 SECONDS FOR HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE—THE BEST TIME SO FAR!

DINGELING!

THE ONLY ONE WITH A HOPE OF BEATING THEM IS OUR CONTESTANT, DONALD DUCK!

HOWEVER, HE HAS YET TO ARRIVE, AND TIME IS

AHA! THERE HE IS! AND GOING LIKE SIXTY! WHAT A COMPETITOR!

WOW! LOOK AT HIM GO! INCREDIBLE!

. NO FENDERS, NO REAR-VIEW MIRROR .

SPLASH!

..AND NO EMERGENCY FLOTATION DEVICES! ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE I.. ?

BLOOSH!

YOU SAW IT FOLKS! A RECORD BREAKING RUN BY DONALD DUCK!!

HIS TIME: UNDER TEN SECONDS!

HOORAY! HOORAY! I DID IT! I WON! YIPPEE!

WHAT'S MORE—

WE HAVE A DISQUALIFICATION! DONALD DUCK FORGOT TO RING THE BELL! THE JURY HAS NULLIFIED HIS TIME!

WHAT?

THAT'S THE BREAKS, FOLKS!

SO THE FIRST PRIZE GOES TO HUEY, DEWEY AND LOUIE DUCK! CONGRATULATIONS, BOYS!

WOW!

OH BOY!

COOL!

HOWEVER, YOU SET A RECORD I'LL HAPPILY CERTIFY—THE BIGGEST TRAFFIC FINE IN HISTORY!

GACK!

FINE

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ALL THAT, JUST TO LAND IN THE POORHOUSE!

SNIFF!

THE JURY HAS DECIDED TO AWARD THE PRIZE FOR THE MOST ORIGINAL RACING TECHNIQUE TO MR DUCK, FOR HIS POLICE-ASSISTED MASS ACCELERATOR!

HE WILL BE GETTING...

...A CARLOAD OF OO-LALA ICE CREAM, THE TREAT THAT'S NEAT TO EAT!

YEAH! YEAH!

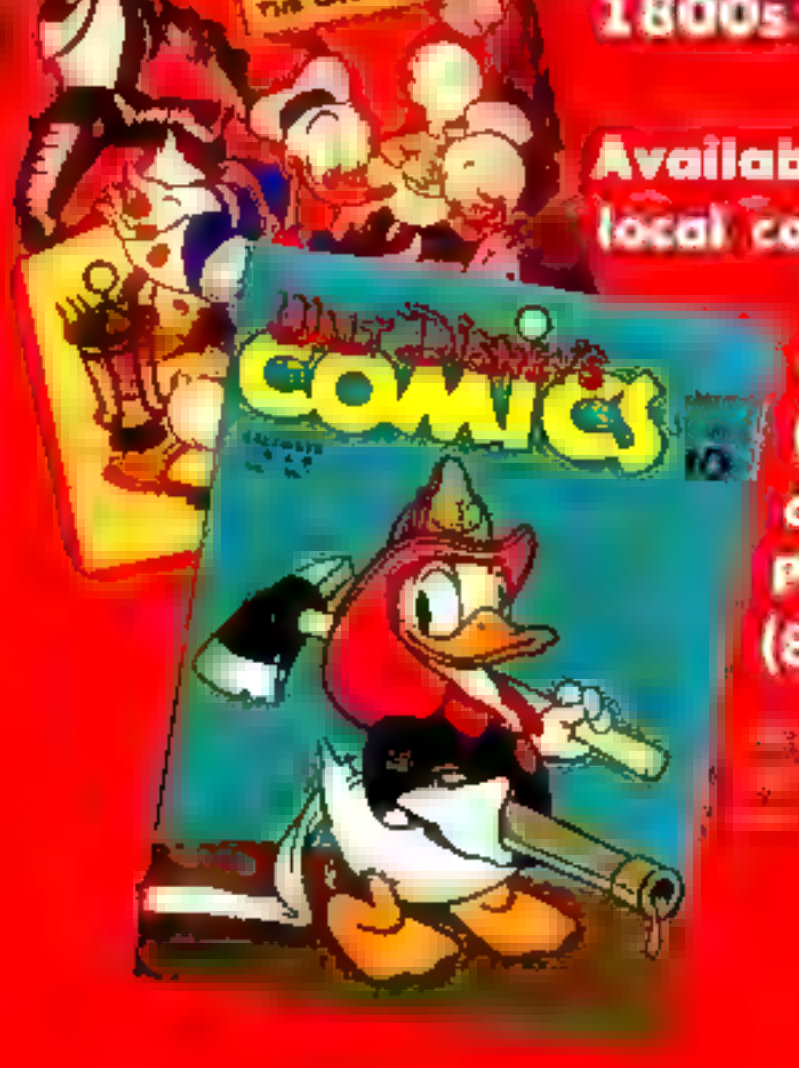
OO-LALA ICE CREAM

GRRR!

CHEER UP, UNCA DONALD! YOU'VE SHARED YOUR WINNINGS, AND WE'LL SHARE OURS!

OO-LALA ICE CREAM

They're Worth
HOW-MUCH?



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Walt Disney's Gladstone Gander in PARTY OF NONE!

LOOK! THAT'S *GLADSTONE GANDER*, THE *LUCKIEST* DUCK IN THE *WORLD!*

BOY! EVERY DAY'S LIKE A *BIRTHDAY* FOR HIM!

BUMP!

BANK

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=SIGH!= HOW *TRUE!* EVEN *TODAY*... MY *REAL* BIRTHDAY!

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=YAWN!= I ALREADY KNOW THE *DRILL*. GYRO INVITES ME TO *VISIT!*

GYRO GEARLOOSE

INVENTIONS INVENTED

I WALK IN THE *DOOR*. PRETEND NOT TO *NOTICE* WHO'S HERE...

CREEAK.

...UNTIL THE WHOLE FAMILY YELLS...

SURPRISE!!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GLADSTONE!!

WE *ALL* PITCHED IN, GLADSTONE DEAR!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GLADSTONE!

=YAWN!=

EXCEPT *ME!* =GULP!= I JUST COULDN'T *THINK* OF ANYTHING YOU DIDN'T *ALREADY* HAVE!

=YAWN!= NOT SURPRISING! I'M SO *LUCKY* I *ALWAYS GET* WHAT I *NEED!*

YEAH?! WELL, I BET YOU DON'T HAVE *THIS!*

TOSS!

=HMPH!= A SET OF *PINK* HANDKERCHIEFS. *LUCKY* ME.

SAY, DONALD...

...ISN'T THIS *JUST* LIKE THE SET DAISY GAVE *YOU* FOR *YOUR* BIRTHDAY? IT'S EVEN GOT *YOUR INITIALS!*

=HEH!=

=SNORT!=

MAYBE YOU'LL LIKE *MY* PRESENT MORE, GLADSTONE! *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

OH. A *WATCH.*

I WON *THREE* LIKE IT LAST WEEK.

TOSS!

!

THANKS *ANYWAY.* =YAWN!=

LEMME *LOOSE!* I'LL GIVE THAT SMUG SHOW-OFF A *PRESENT* HE *WON'T FOR-GET--*

GLADSTONE, YOU CAN OPEN YOUR GIFTS *LATER!* WHY DON'T YOU BLOW OUT THE *CANDLES* AND MAKE A *WISH?*

=YAWN!= BLOWING IS TOO MUCH *WORK.*

I'LL *WAIT.* A LUCKY *BREEZE* WILL BLOW THE CANDLES OUT *FOR* ME.

WHOOOSH!

SEE?

HEY! WHERE'D EVERY-ONE *GO?*

OUT! =GULP!=

PHOOEY! ANYTHING WE *GIVE* HIM, HE *BRAGS* THAT HE ALREADY *HAS...* AND *BETTER!*

=*HMPH*= GRANDMA *SLAVED* OVER THAT *CAKE...*

...AND GLADSTONE IS TOO *LAZY* EVEN TO BLOW OUT THE *CANDLES!*

=GULP!= I NEVER *KNEW* HOW MUCH PEOPLE *RESENT* MY LUCK! ER... THAT IS...

OKAY! I *SORTA* KNEW! I *LOVE* MAKING *DONALD MAD!*

BUT IF... MY LUCK *REALLY HURTS* MY *WHOLE* FAMILY...

...THEN I CAN LIVE *WITHOUT IT!* OH, TO BE LIKE *EVERYBODY ELSE!*

UH-OH! CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, GLADSTONE--

GLADSTONE! THAT'S IT!

=HUH?=

GYRO GEARLOOSE

INVENTIONS INVENTED

I FINALLY FOUND THE *PERFECT* BIRTHDAY GIFT! C'MON!

?

AND SO--

=HUH?= YOU MEAN THIS *GIZMO* WILL BRING ME *BAD* LUCK?

NO! NOR *GOOD* LUCK, EITHER!

MY "LUCK NULLIFIER" IS DESIGNED TO MAKE YOU *LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!*

LUCK NULLIFIER

LUCK NULLIFIED

ZAP!!

WATCH!

=HMPH!= NOTHING! YOUR LUCK-WHATZ'IT DIDN'T WORK!

=HM!= MAYBE IT DIDN'T!

BUT I'LL TAG ALONG AND SEE!

SUIT YOURSELF!

SOON--

SAY! THAT WAYWARD BOUQUET SHOULD UNRUFFLE DAISY'S FEATHERS!

=AHH!= DELIGHTFUL!

I GUESS THIS MEANS I DO STILL HAVE MY LUCK!

SNIFF!

GLADSTONE! HURRY! GET OFF THE TRACKS! A TRAIN'S COMING!

HURRY? WHY? THERE'S NO RUSH!

TOOOT! TOOT! TOOT!

SCREECH!!

MY LUCK WILL CAUSE THE ENGINE TO HICCUP INTO REVERSE, JUST IN TIME! OR A BANANA PEEL WILL KNOCK THE TRAIN OFF THE TRACKS! THAT'S THE WAY T ALWAYS WORKS!

SNIFF!

SLIP!

NOT THIS TIME! JUMP!!!

TOOOT! TOOOT!

!

=EEEK!=

BUMP!

=YOWCH!=

PRANG!

=EEEK!=

BUMP!

WELL! TO WHAT DO WE OWE *THIS* UNEXPECTED PLEASURE?

THUMP!

=GROAN!= SORRY I *DOUBTED* YOU, GYRO! YOUR MACHINE *DID* TURN MY LUCK *BAD!*

NO! IT MERELY *NULLIFIED* YOUR *GOOD* LUCK!

AND ANYONE WHO *STANDS IN FRONT* OF A *MOVING TRAIN* MAKES HIS *OWN* BAD LUCK!

!

=HAW!= A LUCKLESS GLADSTONE! YOU WON'T LAST A DAY IN THE REAL WORLD!

=GULP!= MAYBE DONALD'S RIGHT! WANT YOUR GOOD LUCK BACK?

NO! DONALD'S WRONG! I SAID I COULD LIVE WITHOUT MY LUCK...

...AND I WILL! IF A LUCKLESS LOUT LIKE HIM CAN GLIDE THROUGH LIFE UNSCATHED, SO CAN I!

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, GLADSTONE! NEXT MORNING'S MAIL--

=YAWN!= SOME LATE BIRTHDAY CARDS, I SUPPOSE...

GLADSTONE GANDER

=EEEK!= A TAX AUDIT! I NEVER GET TAX AUDITS!

GLADSTONE GANDER

TAX DEPT

AND MY PRESENT FROM GRANDMA! I HAVE YET TO PLANT THOSE, DON'T I!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLADSTONE! LOVE, GRANDMA

=OOF!= BEING LIKE EVERYONE ELSE SOUNDED MORE REWARDING WHEN I WASN'T!

PHOOEY! I'LL JUST *WAIT!* THEY'LL GET *PLANTED SOME-HOW!*

THUD!

GRANDMA! *HELP!!!*

?

SOON--

...SO I WAITED *HOURS* FOR A WAYWARD *SHOVEL-SALESMAN* TO PLANT THESE FOR ME-- BUT WITH NO GOOD LUCK, *NOTHING!*

WHAT'LL I *DO*, GRANDMA?

HUMBLED, ARE YOU? PLANT 'EM *YOURSELF!*

GULP!

DIG!

WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T FARMER BROWN!

WAIT TILL I TELL *DAISY!*

?

GLADSTONE GANDER... *WORKING! HAW!!*

HMPH! NEVER MIND THAT LOAFER! HONEST WORK IS *GOOD* FOR YOU!

GROAN! TELL THAT TO MY *BLISTERS!*

BUT I'M *NOT* GIVING UP! I'LL *PROVE* I'M A *WINNER*... EVEN *WITHOUT LUCK!*

LATER--

WHEW! I'M *SICK* OF *WORK!* I THINK I'LL *SURPRISE* DAISY WITH SOME *OPERA TICKETS!*

THAT'LL IMPROVE HER MOOD FROM YESTERDAY!

ULP! CAR WON'T *START!* MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE *SKIPPED* THAT 200,000-MILE *CHECKUP!*

CHUGG-A POOT!

CHUGG-A POOT!

BUT MY CAR NEVER *NEEDED* CHECKUPS... WHEN I WAS *LUCKY!* *GULP!*

AND SO--

WALKING! HMPH! WHAT COULD BE *WORSE?*

CRACK-A-BOOM!!

RRRING!

I HOPE DAISY *APPRECIATES* THIS *SURPRISE.*

WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T *FARMER BROWN!*

EEEK! *DONALD?*

YEAH! AND I'M TAKING DAISY TO A CHEAP MOVIE!

B-BUT I'VE GOT OPERA TICKETS!

÷HMPH!÷ NEXT TIME CALL FIRST... INSTEAD OF SMUGLY TRUSTING TO LUCK!

NEXT DAY--

÷WHEW÷ BEING ORDINARY IS HARD! I NEVER HAD TO RAKE LEAVES...

RAKE!

RAKE!

...OR WATER PLANTS!

SPLOOSH!

÷HMM!÷ NOT BAD!

COULD USE SOME FERTILIZER, THOUGH...

GARDEN SUPPLIES

÷ULP!÷ AN OPEN PAINT CAN ATOP AN UNLUCKY LADDER! THE OLD GLADSTONE WOULD WALK UNDER IT AND TEMPT FATE...

...BUT I'LL PLAY IT SAFE AND WALK AROUND...

PAINT

EEP!

SPLOOSH!

IT'S NOT THE *LUCK-LESSNESS* I LOVE! IT'S THE *HUMILITY!*

HANG ON, GLADSTONE! WE'LL GET YOU OUT!

NO! I DON'T NEED *HELP!*

I'LL *MAKE* THIS END WELL! SPLUTTER! IF THE *OLD* ME FELL IN HERE, HE'D HAVE FOUND A *LOST TREASURE* BURIED IN THE GOO!

?

?

?

SPLOOSH!

SPLOOSH!

THE *NEW* ME CAN FIND ONE *TOO!* "IT'S NOT THE LUCKLESSNESS I LOVE," EH?

TREASURELESS HOURS LATER--

"...IT'S... THE HUMILITY"?

GYRO! DE-NULLIFY ME! I WANT MY LUCK *BACK!*

GLADSTONE?

IT'S NOT MY *LUCK* PEOPLE RESENT! IT'S HOW I *TAKE* MY LUCK FOR *GRANTED!*

WELL, NEVER AGAIN! A LUCKLESS LIFE IS *AWFUL!* SOB I CAN'T TAKE ONE MORE...

SURPRISE!!!!!

HAVE SOME BIRTHDAY *PIZZA*, GLADSTONE?

BETTER *LATE* THAN *NEVER!*

GULP!

YOU LOOKED SO SAD! WE KNEW THIS WOULD *CHEER* YOU UP!

PUFF!

YUM! BUT HOW'D YOU KNOW I'D COME HERE?

CHOMP!

I TOLD 'EM! I *KNEW* YOU'D BE *BEGGIN'* GYRO FOR YOUR *LUCK* BACK!

YOU'RE *MISERABLE* WITHOUT IT!

MISERABLE?

WITH *PIZZA* AND *FRIENDS?* *HA!*

WELL... *UNTIL* NOW, *WITHOUT* YOUR *LUCK*, YOUR BIRTHDAY *WAS* A TOTAL FLOP!

A *FLOP?!*

NONSENSE! THANKS TO ALL OF YOU, I FINALLY REALIZE HOW *LUCKY* I AM TO BE SO LUCKY!

ZAP!

LUCK NULLIFIER

LUCK DE-NULLIFIED

MY LUCK BEING *NULLIFIED* WAS THE *LUCKIEST* THING THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED...

...AND THIS IS DEFINITELY MY VERY *BEST* BIRTHDAY EVER!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GLADSTONE!

PHOOEY! I *GIVE UP!* EVEN WHEN HE'S *NOT* LUCKY... HE'S *STILL* LUCKY!

AFTER THE PARTY, THINGS FINALLY RETURN TO NORMAL...

...OR DO THEY??

AH! NOTHING LIKE A BRISK MIDNIGHT *STROLL* TO CLEAR THE HEAD!

ULP! WHO'S THAT *SKULKING* IN GLADSTONE'S *GARDEN?*

GLADSTONE? GARDENING?

!

SHHH! IF DONALD EVER KNEW I *LIKED* A FORM OF *WORK*, I'D *NEVER* LIVE IT DOWN!

DON'T WORRY! WITH ANY *LUCK*, DONALD WILL *NEVER* FIND OUT. AND BELIEVE *ME*...

SNIFF!

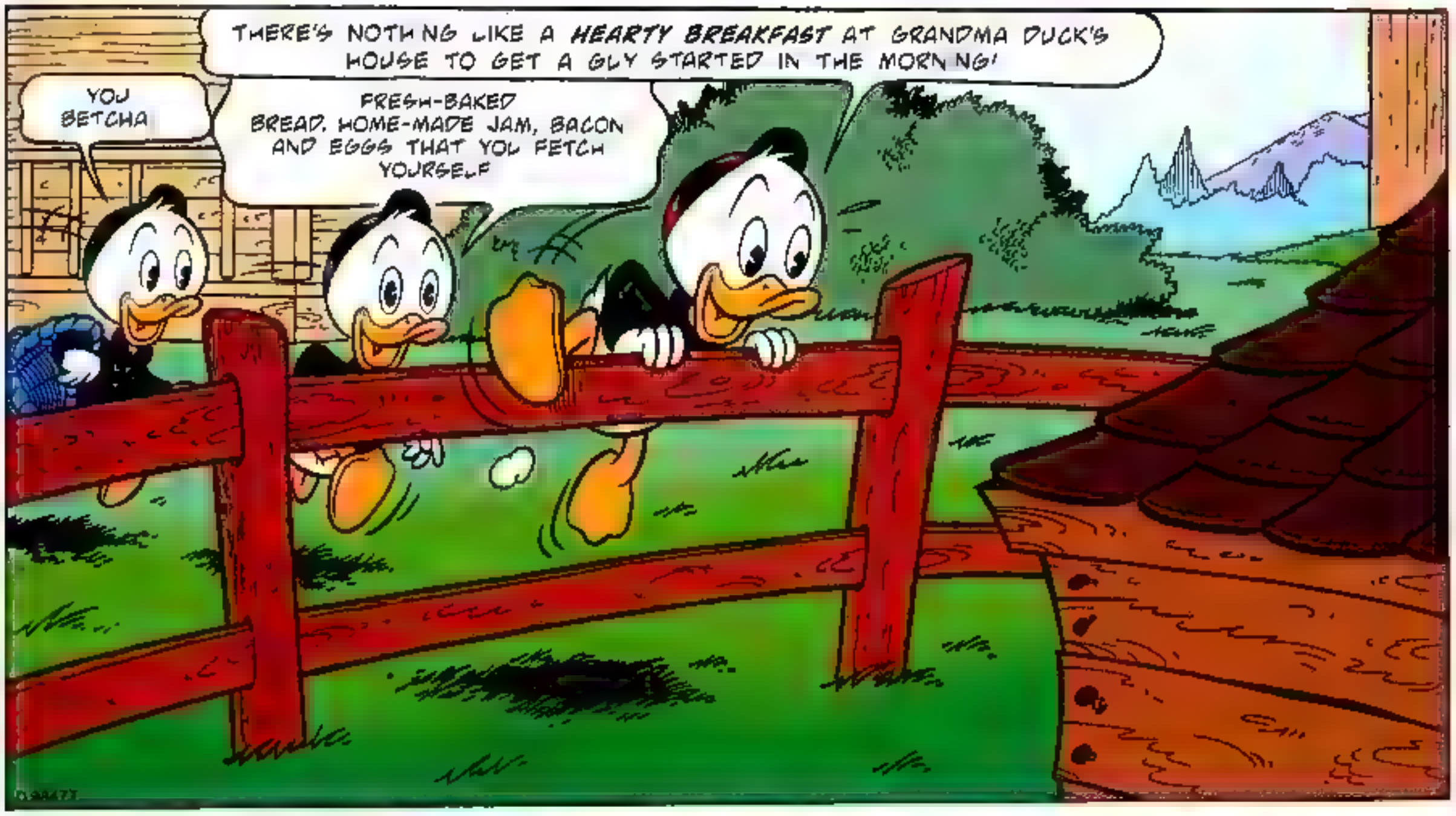
...*YOU* HAVE PLENTY OF *LUCK*, GLADSTONE!

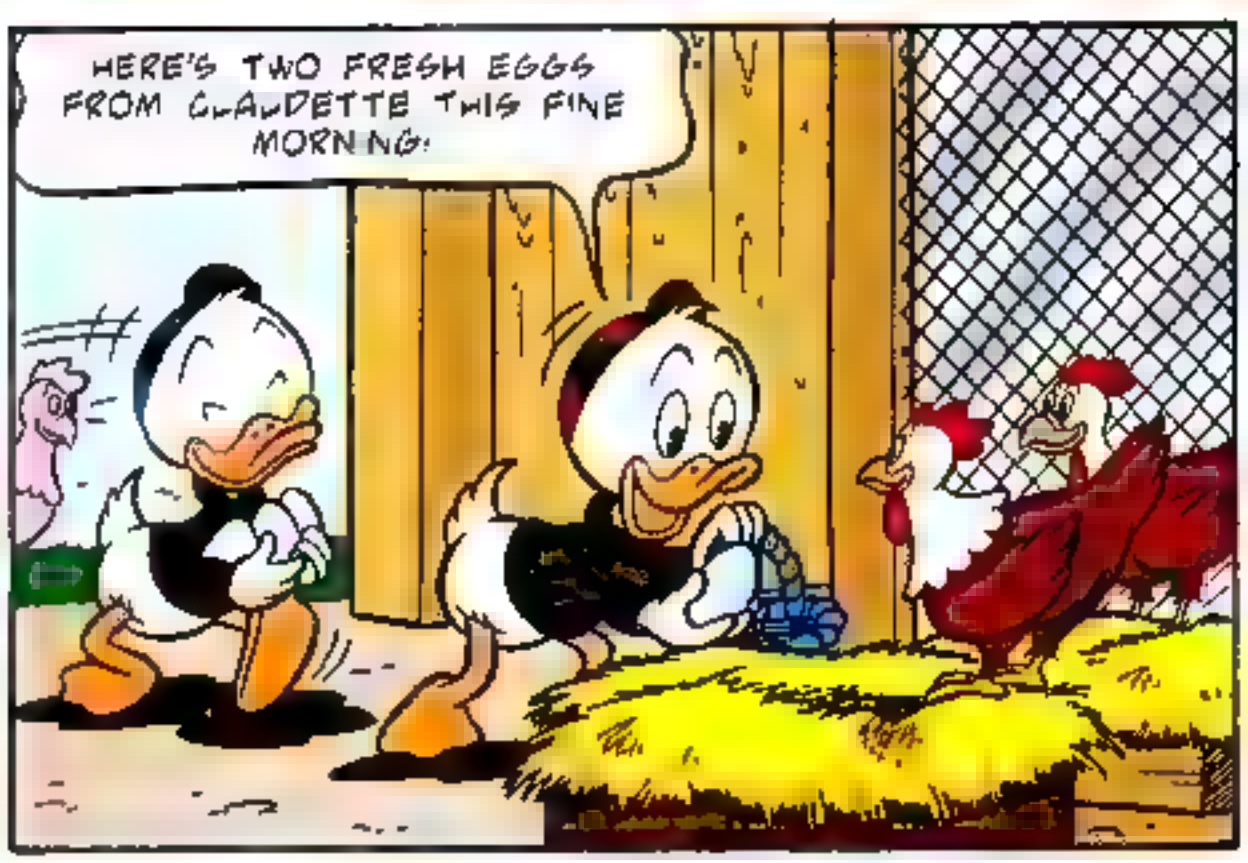
SPLISH!

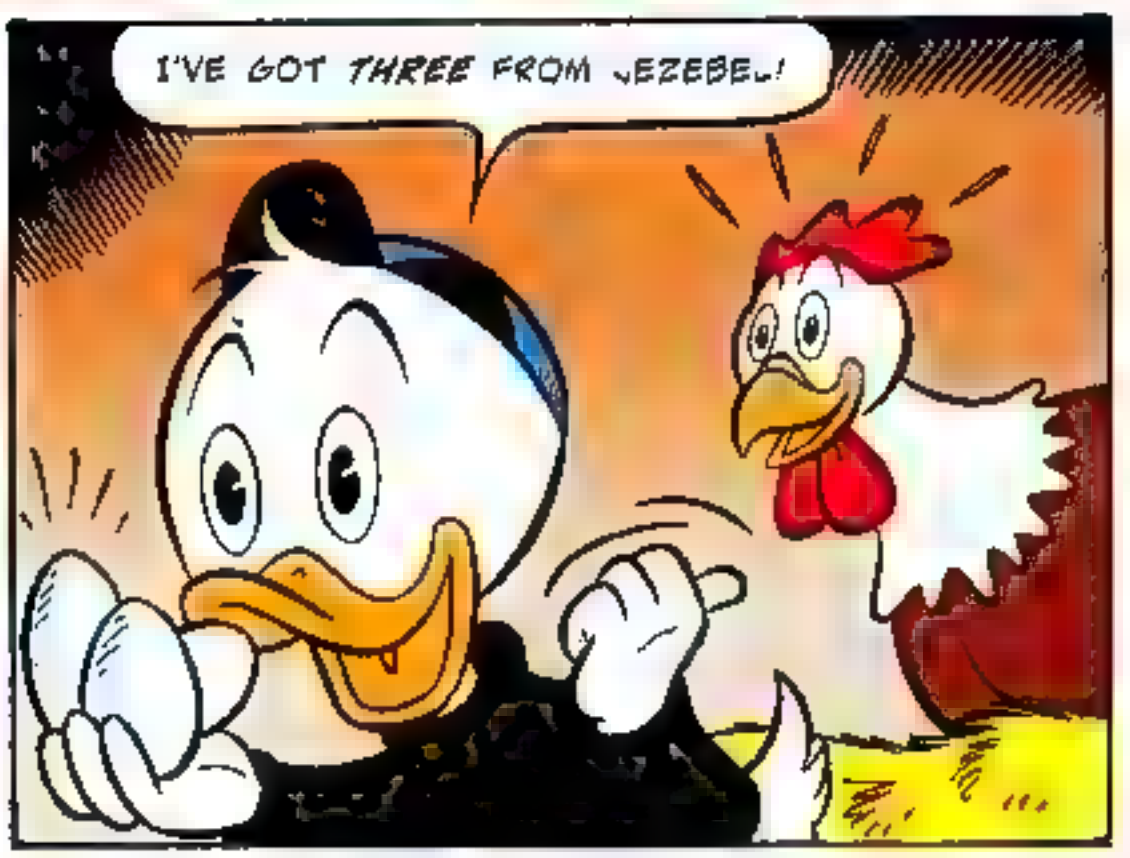
Walt Disney's

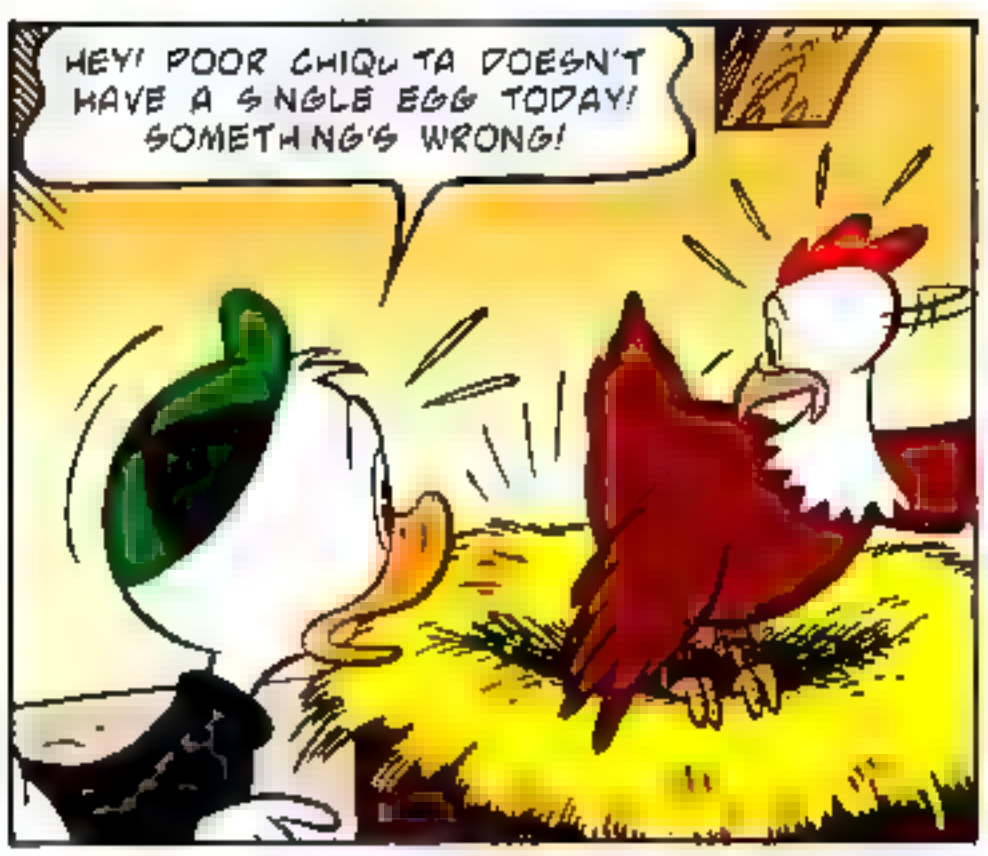
Grandma Duck AND Huey, Dewey & Louie

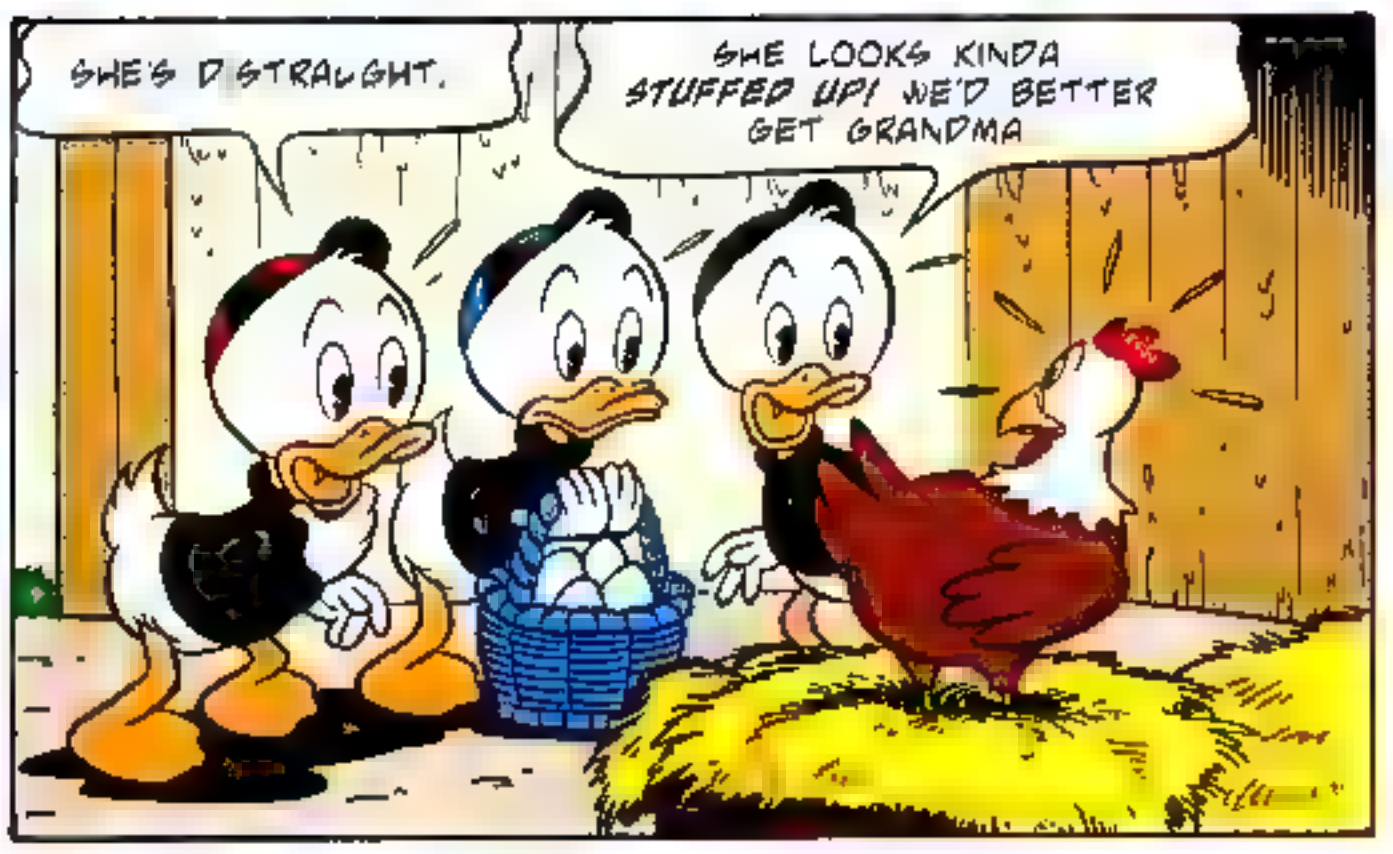
"EGG-CITING EGGS!"


THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A HEARTY BREAKFAST AT GRANDMA DUCK'S HOUSE TO GET A GLY STARTED IN THE MORNING!
YOU BETCHA
FRESH-BAKED BREAD, HOME-MADE JAM, BACON AND EGGS THAT YOU FETCH YOURSELF









SOMETIMES A HEN WILL JUST GET STUCK, BOYS! MY RECIPE CALLS FOR JUST A *LITTLE* HOT PEPPER TO GET HER GOING AGAIN!

HOT PEPPER?

I HOPE THAT HELPS POOR CHIQUITA! SHE SEEMS AWFULLY SAD!

YES, I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER TOO!

A LITTLE LATER IN THE DAY HUEY SECRETLY GIVES CHIQUITA ANOTHER DOSE OF HOT PEPPER!

HERE, GIRL! MAYBE GRANDMA DIDN'T GIVE YOU *ENOUGH!*

AND DEWEY!

HERE—CHICK, CHICK, CH CK!

AND LOUIE, TOO!

POOR CHIQUITA! HERE'S AN *EXTRA* DOSE!

THAT NIGHT, CHIQUITA'S STOMACH RUMBLES ALARMINGLY!

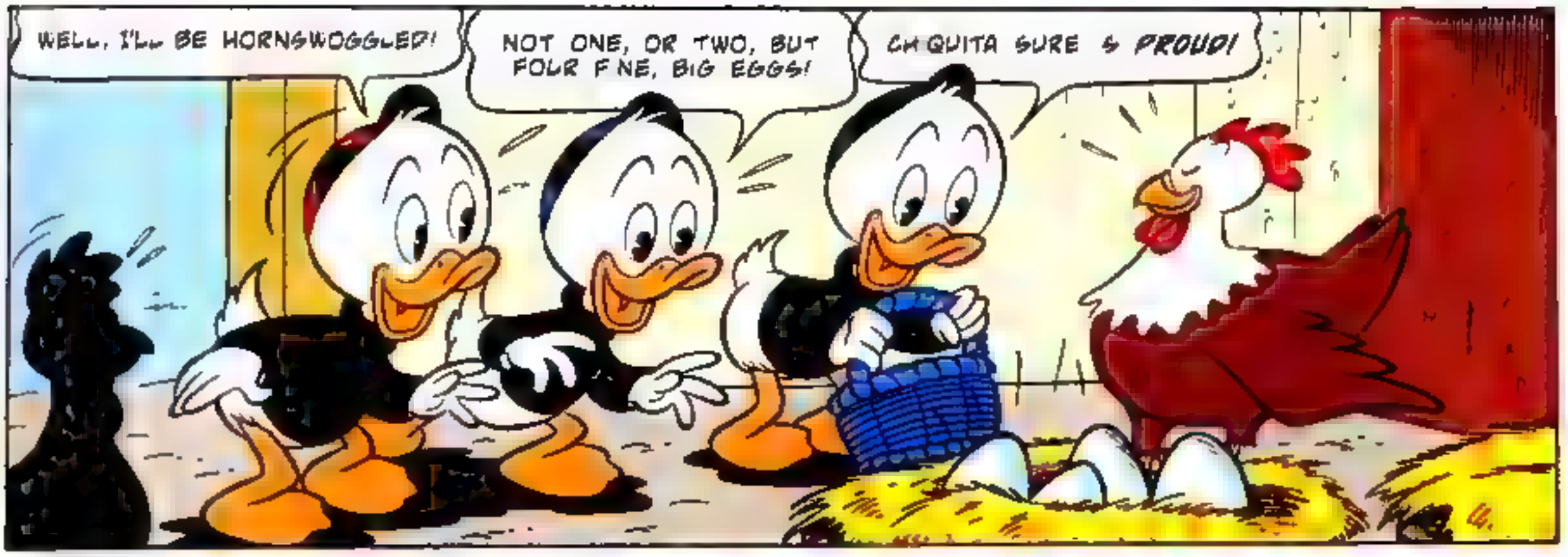
GRRRUMBLE!

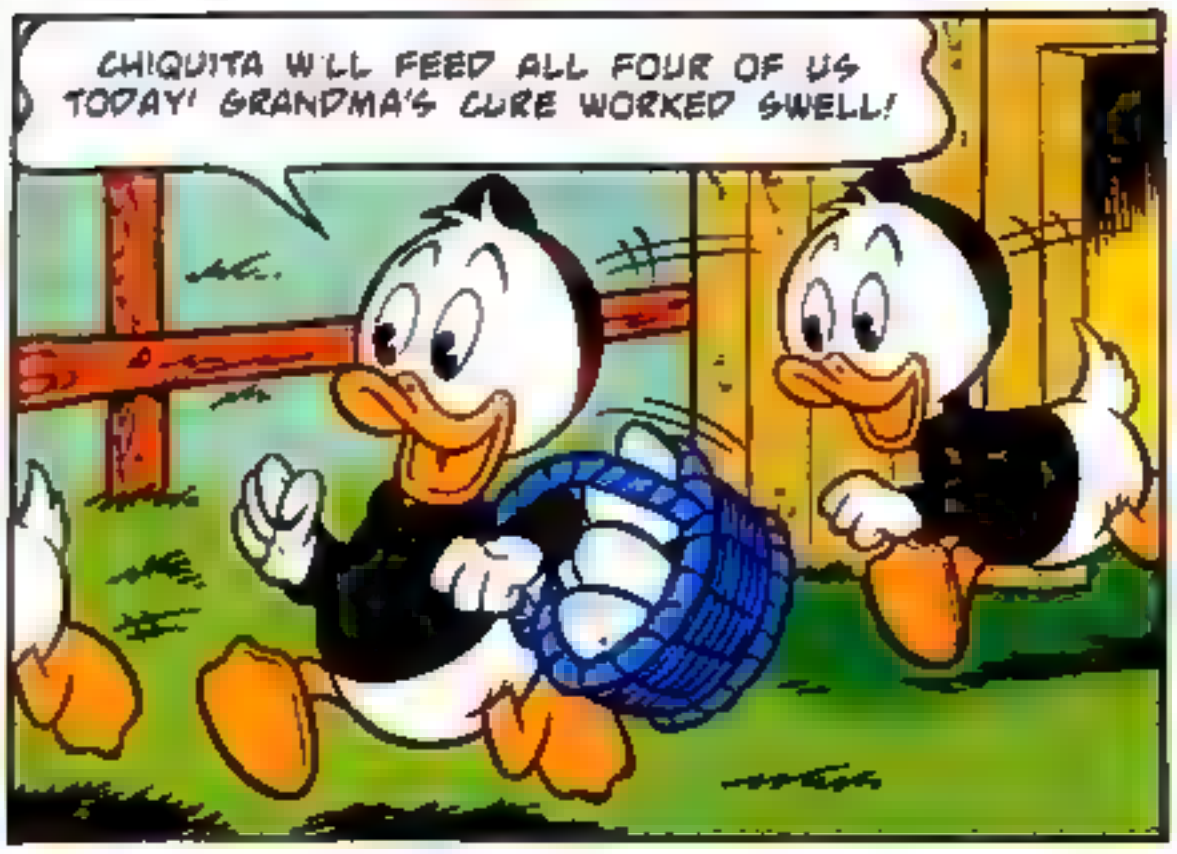
!?

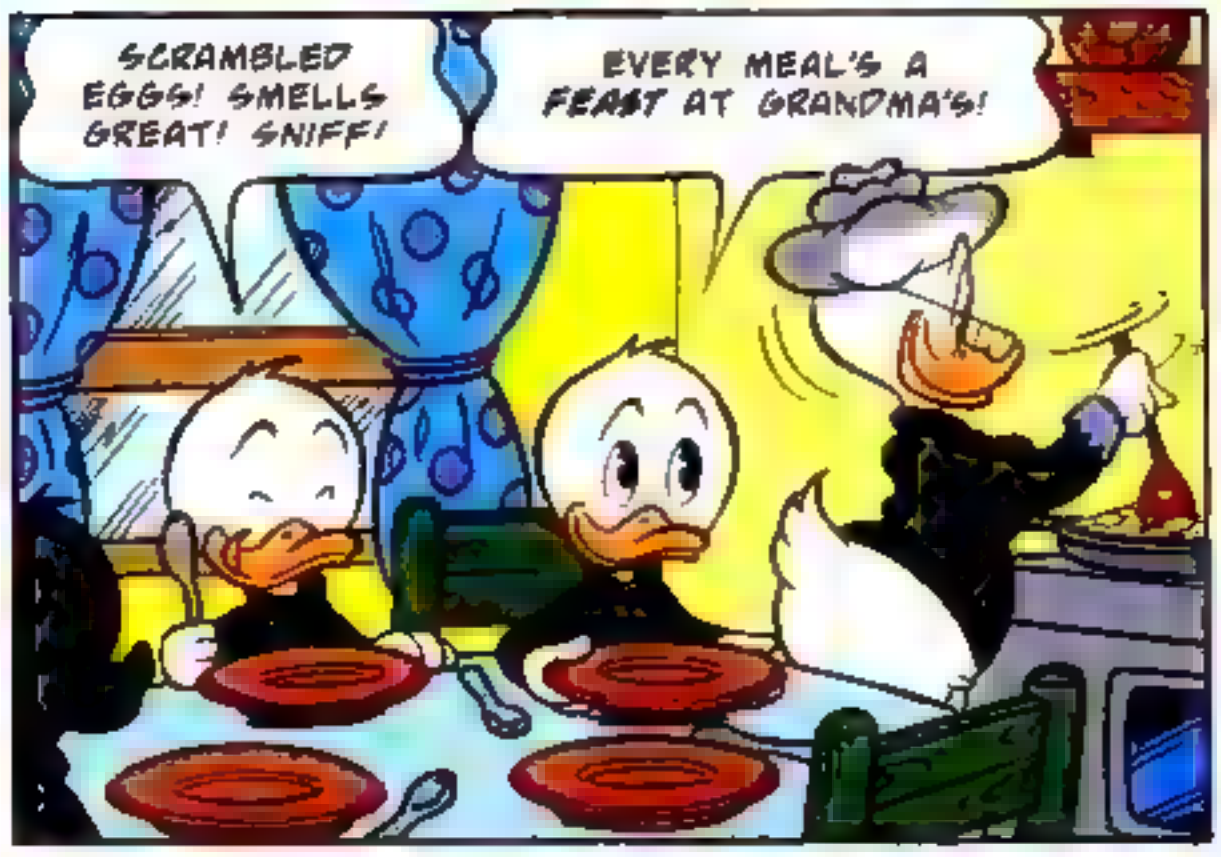
YAWN! MORNING DOWN ON THE FARM!

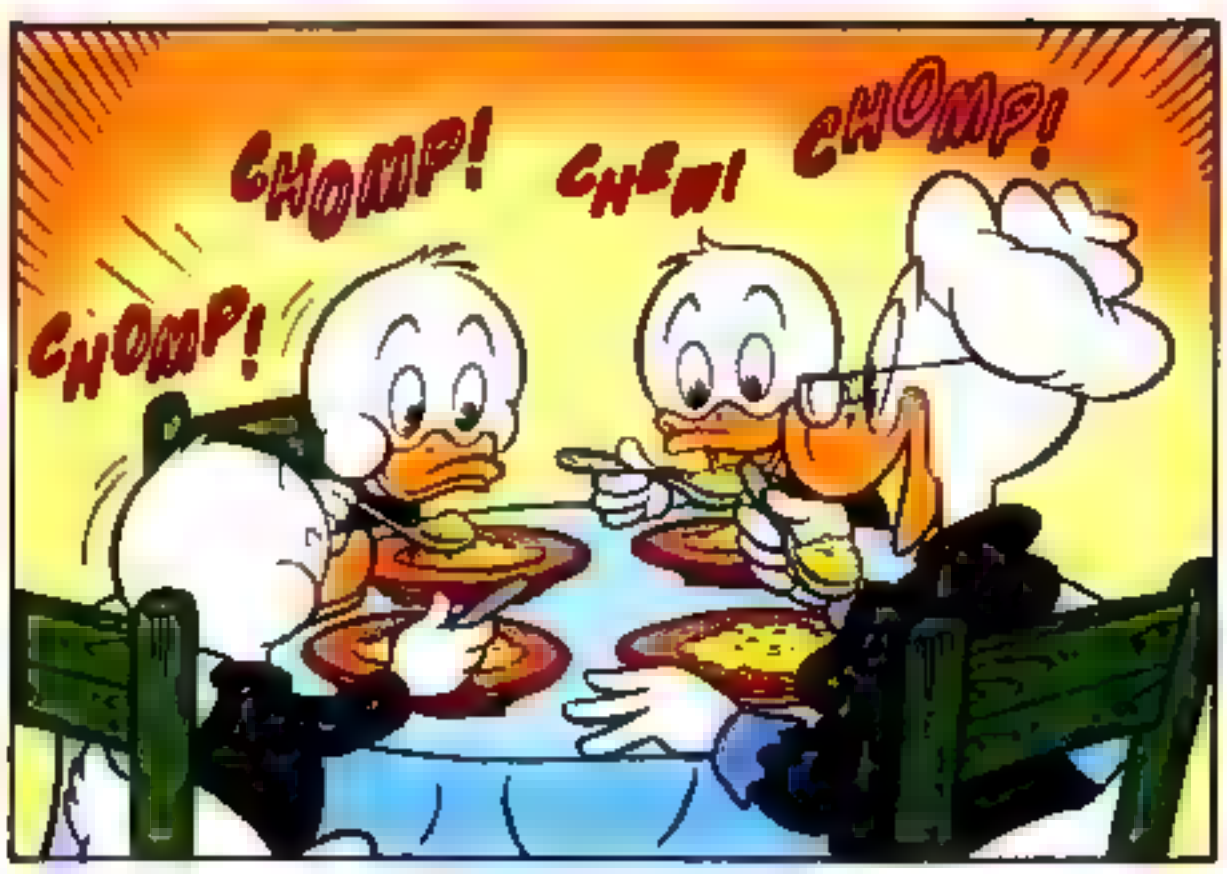
SURE COMES EARLY! FRESH AIR GIVES ME A *BIG APPETITE!*

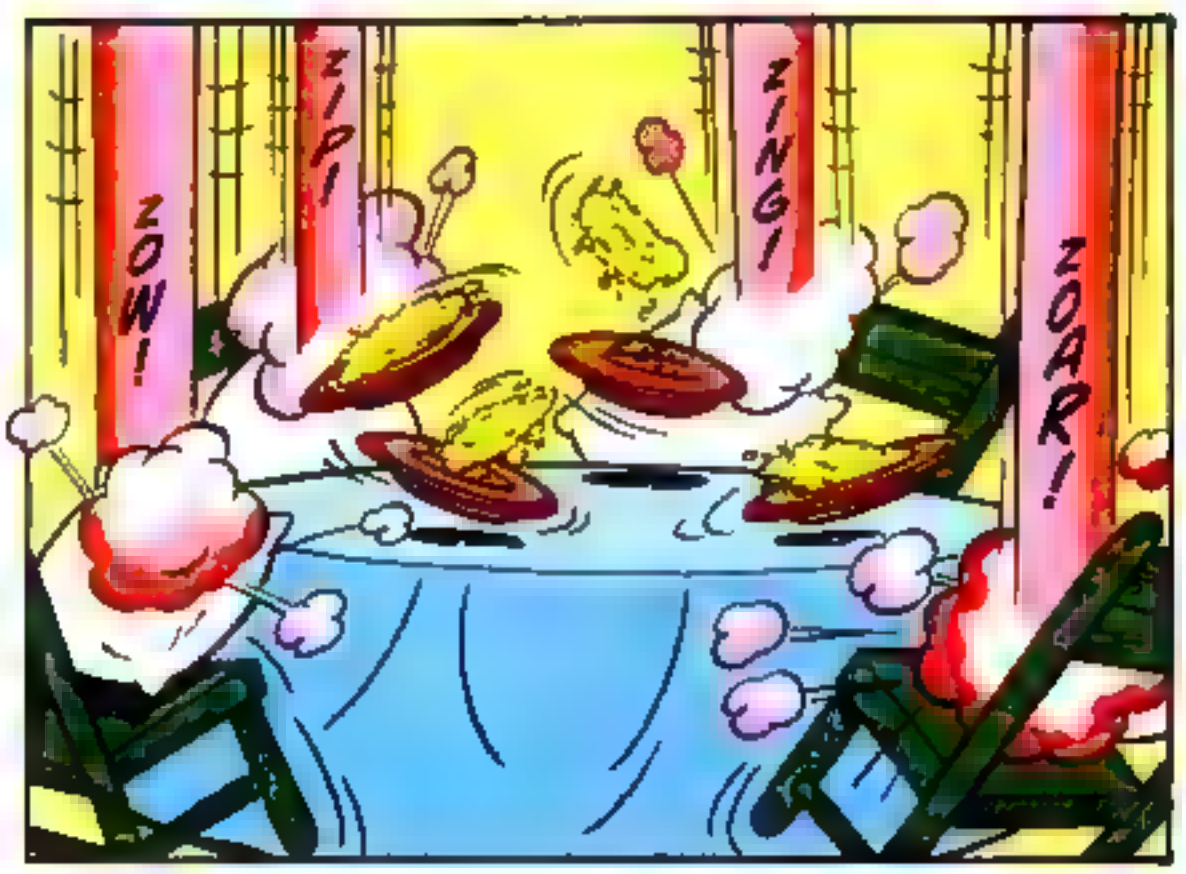
I HOPE CHIQUITA LAID AN EGG TODAY!

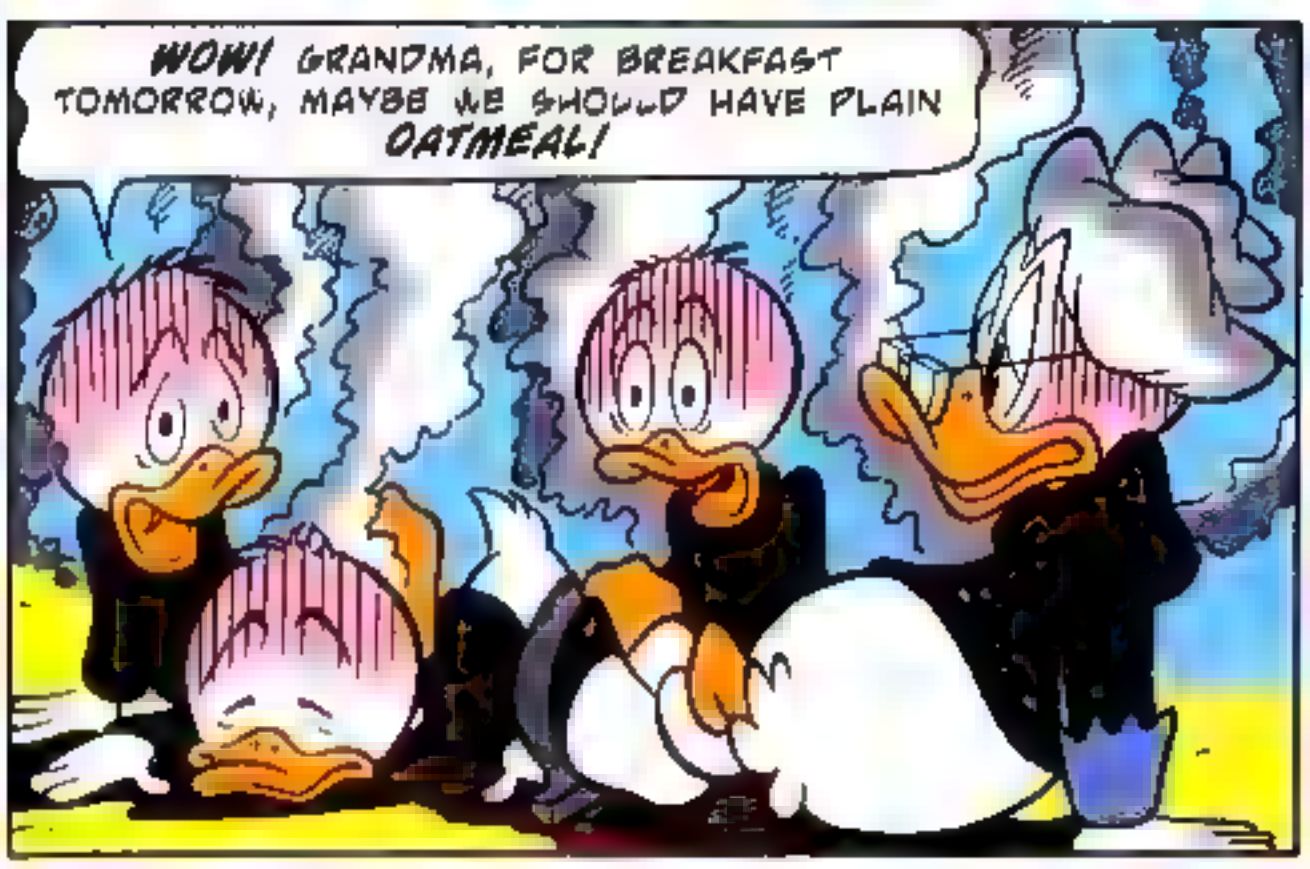

WELL, I'LL BE HORNSWOGGLED!
NOT ONE, OR TWO, BUT FOUR FINE, BIG EGGS!
CHIQUITA SURE IS PROUD!

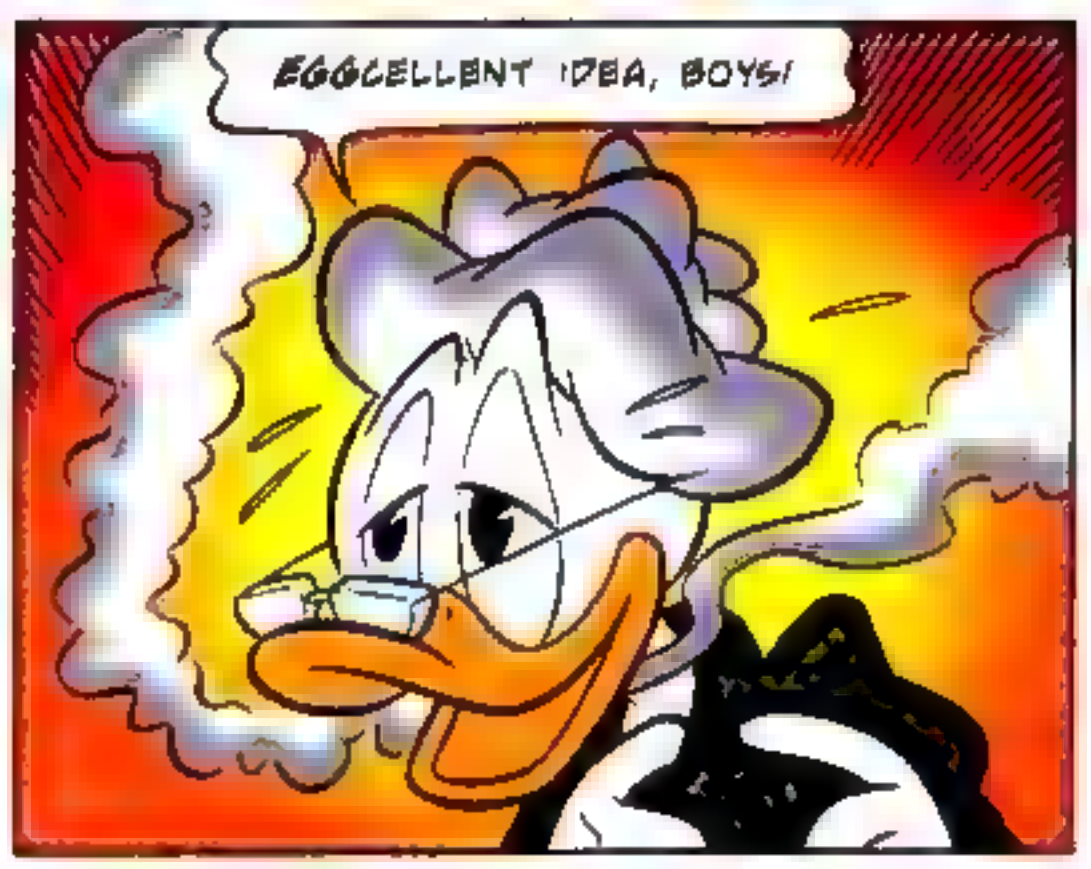

CHIQUITA WILL FEED ALL FOUR OF US TODAY! GRANDMA'S CURE WORKED SWELL!


SCRAMBLED EGGS! SMELLS GREAT! SNIFF!
EVERY MEAL'S A FEAST AT GRANDMA'S!


CHOMP!
CHEW!
CHOMP!
CHOMP!


ZOW!
ZIP!
ZING!
ZOAR!


WOW! GRANDMA, FOR BREAKFAST TOMORROW, MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE PLAIN OATMEAL!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NEW ZOO BREWS ADO

TODAY, TROOPERS, WE WILL ALL HIKE TO GOOSETOWN TO VISIT THE ZOO!

A FUN THING TO DO, GREAT GLORIOUS M.O.N.K.E.Y.S. U.N.C.L.E.*!

WE *LOVE* ZOOS!

WE WISH THERE WAS A ZOO IN DUCKBURG!

*MULTIFABULOUS *OVERSEER OF *NOTEWORTHY *KNOT-TYING, *EAGLE-SPYING, *YODEL-CRYING, AND *SOCK-DRYING, AS WELL AS *UNDERSTANDER OF *NATURE AND *CONVERSER WITH *LIONS AND *ELKS!

YEAH, ISN'T IT GRUESOME THAT WE HAVE TO HIKE ALL THE WAY TO GOOSETOWN TO SEE A *TIGER?*

I GUESS ANIMALS *COST* MONEY, AND DUCKBURG ISN'T RICH!

MAYBE IF SOMEBODY *GAVE* THE CITY A SET OF ANIMALS...

NOBODY *WILL*, GENERAL HUEY! WE MAY AS WELL *FORGET* A ZOO!

THE HIKE TAKES THE WOODCHUCKS THROUGH THE CITY PARK—

I CAN IMAGINE A WHOLE *ANIMAL FARM* IN THAT GLEN AHEAD!

FORGET IT, GENERAL LOUIE!

SUDDENLY—

LOOK OUT! A *TRUCK* IS ABOUT TO RUN US OVER!

A TRUCK LOADED WITH *ANIMALS!*

SPEEDING LIKE IT'S OUTRUNNING LIONS!

AND GOING CLEAR OFF THE ROAD!

IT PULLED PART WAY UP THAT BANK AND STOPPED!

A *MAN* HAS JUMPED OUT!

HE IS OPENING THE TRUCK'S TAILGATE!

SOMETHING *SUSPICIOUS* ABOUT THAT!

ALL OF THE ANIMAL CAGES ARE SLIDING OUT ONTO THE GROUND!

THOSE TRUCKERS ARE IN A *STRANGE HURRY* TO UNLOAD THEM!

MAYBE *THIS* EXPLAINS IT!

SCREEEE

A *POLICE CAR!*

DID YOU JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS SEE A *SPEEDING TRUCK* LOADED WITH ANIMALS?

YES!

THERE ARE THE ANIMALS! THE TRUCK WENT OVER THAT HILL!

THANKS A LOT, TROOPERS! WE WANT TO ASK THAT SPEEDER SOME QUESTIONS!

SCREEEE

HEY! WHAT ABOUT THESE *ANIMALS?*

YEAH! WHAT ABOUT THEM?

THEY'VE BEEN *ABANDONED!*

WHATEVER THEIR STORY, THEY'RE *HUNGRY* AND *THIRSTY* NOW!

AND MIGHTY *CROWDED* IN THOSE CAGES!

WE HAVE FOLDING *BUCKETS* IN OUR PACKS! WE CAN *WATER* THEM!

I SEE A *HYDRANT* OVER HERE!

WHAT CAN WE *FEED* THEM, GENERAL DEWEY?

OUR *LUNCHES*, MAYBE!

LIKE A POTATO CHIP, CHIMPIE?

THE GIRAFFE LIKES CHIPS!

NOW ALL OF THE ANIMALS ARE BARKING AND SQUEALING FOR FOOD!

HAVE A *DRINK*, ANYBODY?

SLURP

HERE, JUMBO, I PICKED A CAPFUL OF *GRASS* FOR YOU!

GOOD-BYE, *CAP!*

GOODBYE, LUNCH BOX!

THE *POLICE CAR* IS COMING BACK!

THE TRUCKERS GOT AWAY, BUT WE LEARNED THEY ARE *ANIMAL SMUGGLERS!*

OHO! THAT EXPLAINS WHY THEY *DITCHED* THESE POOR CREATURES!

THE TRUCKERS HAD SMUGGLED THEM IN TO SELL FOR *PETS!*

PETS?

WHO'D WANT THIS *BOTTOMLESS PIT* FOR A PET?

NOBODY *OWNS* THESE ANIMALS NOW, IT WOULD SEEM!

THAT'S RIGHT! THEY ARE JUST *ABANDONED* WAIFS!

SAY, THIS IS A CHANCE FOR *DUCKBURG* TO GET A *FREE ZOO!*

YEAH! A *GIRAFFE*, AN *ELEPHANT*, A *RHINO*...

YOU'RE RIGHT! COME WITH US, MISTER! LET'S GO *SELL* THAT IDEA TO CITY HALL!

MEANWHILE, THESE ANIMALS WILL HAVE TO BE *CARED FOR!*

WE'LL SEE TO THAT, OFFICERS!

JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS ARE ANIMALS' *BEST FRIENDS!*

PTOO

WAK! IS THAT ANY WAY TO TREAT YOUR *BEST FRIENDS?*

WELL, FOR A WHILE WE HAVE A **ZOO** ALL OF OUR OWN!

AND ARE WE EVER LEARNING WHAT A LOT OF *WORK* A ZOO REQUIRES!

CHEER UP! THE CITY WILL SOON HAVE A *CREW* DOWN HERE TO TAKE OVER!

BUT THE CITY CREWS ARE BUSY ELSEWHERE —

NO LUCK, TROOPERS! DUCKBURG WILL TAKE THE ANIMALS IF *SOMEONE* WILL BUILD *FREE* CAGES!

THAT SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE TO BE *US* TROOPERS!

WHY NOT? WE CAN START A *ZOO FUND* AND ASK PEOPLE FOR *DONATIONS!*

WE'RE DONATING SOME *HAY* AND *PEANUTS* RIGHT NOW!

RAISING MONEY SHOULD BE *EASY!*

EVERYBODY LOVES ANIMALS!

THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS WILL SOON LEARN THAT "EVERYBODY" IS A RECKLESS WORD—

RIGHT BEYOND THESE TREES IS THE PLUSH-POCKET CLUB, WHERE THE RICHEST SPORTS IN DUCKBURG *OUT-SPEND* EACH OTHER!

IF ONE SPORT WILL DONATE A THOUSAND DOLLARS, ANOTHER WILL DONATE *TWO* THOUSAND JUST TO OUTDO HIM!

I *LOVE* THAT KIND OF COMPETITION!

LOOK! A *THREESOME* IS TEEING OFF FOR A ROUND OF GOLF!

WE'LL USE THOSE THREE TO *TEE OFF* OUR CAMPAIGN!

MISTER, WOULD YOU GIVE A *DONATION* TO BUILD A ZOO?

NAH!

A ZOO WOULD BE EDUCATIONAL FOR DUCKBURG'S *KIDS!*

BAH!

WOULDN'T YOU DO IT JUST TO SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR ANIMALS?

NAH! I HATE ANIMALS!

THE ONLY THING I LOVE IS A *GOLF BALL!*

ME TOO! I LOVE A BALL BECAUSE I CAN *KNOCK* IT CLEAR OVER THOSE TREES!

THINK OF THE HOWLS IF WE KNOCKED AN *ELEPHANT* OVER THOSE TREES!

WE GET YOUR POINT, SIRS!

NOTHING IS LOVEABLE IF YOU CAN'T HIT IT WITH A CLUB!

AW, COME ON BACK! WE WERE ONLY ACTING NATURAL!

TELL US ABOUT THIS NOBLE ZOO!

THE KIDS DO—

SOUNDS LIKE YOU JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS HAVE A *GOOD IDEA* THERE!

I'LL DONATE A *THOUSAND DOLLARS* UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS!

W-WHAT CONDITIONS?

WELL—GOLFERS MUST *CONCENTRATE!* IF, *NO ANIMAL* DISTURBS MY GAME TODAY...

...OR *MINE!* I'LL DONATE *TWO THOUSAND* IF NO *BIRD* OR *BEAST* SPOILS ANY OF MY SHOTS!

IN OTHER WORDS, IF ANIMALS ARE *GOOD* TO US GOLFERS TODAY, WE'LL BE *GOOD* TO ANIMALS—AND *I* WILL DONATE *THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS!*

FORE!

JUST THAT *EASILY* WE'VE GOT PLEDGES FOR *SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS!*

BUT THOSE PLEDGES HAVE *HEDGES!*

DON'T WORRY! NO ANIMALS ARE AROUND THAT COULD *POSSIBLY* UPSET THOSE GUYS' GAME!

THE FIRST GOLFER TEES OFF—

=GROAN!= I *SLICED* THE BALL!

HIT ANOTHER, GEORGE! THAT BALL IS GOING CLEAR OVER INTO THE *PARK!*

IT DOES— ZIP

KNOCK

THE DOOR OF THE MONKEY CAGE DROPS OPEN—

GEEK! WHEEK!

SKEEK! GLEEK!

TRANSLATED: *I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT I'D DO IF THAT DOOR CAME UNHOOKED!*

WELL, OPENING THESE OTHER CAGES IS ONE OF THE STUNTS I'D THOUGHT UP!

FIVE MINUTES LATER—

SAY, DID OUR *WHOLE TROOP* GO OUT SEEKING DONATIONS?

YES! THAT'S *BAD!* SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE STAYED HERE TO *GUARD* THE ZOO!

I'LL SAY! THE CAGES ARE *OPEN* AND ALL THE *ANIMALS ARE GONE!*

THIS IS A *CALAMITY!*

WHERE DID THEY GO?

FIND THOSE ANIMALS!

ON THE GOLF COURSE—

I'LL NEED A FIVE IRON FOR THIS SHOT!

NOW FOR A MOMENT OF COMPLETE *CONCENTRATION!*

I'VE BEEN *SHOT!*

PLOP!

CLOP!

BOP!

MY *CLUBS!* WHO DID THIS MONSTROUS DEED?

A-A *GIRAFFE!* OF ALL THE THINGS A GOLFER NEEDS LEAST!

CHOONK!

=GLUMFH PLFUHMZ!=

BE QUIET OVER THERE, GEORGE! YOU'LL *RUIN* MY APPROACH SHOT!

NEVER MIND!

AN *ELEPHANT* RUINED MY SHOT! HE TRAMPED MY BALL FOUR INCHES INTO THE TURF!

TROOP A, SEARCH THE *PARK* FOR THE ANIMALS!

GENERALS HUEY, LOUIE, AND DEWEY, SEARCH THE *GOLF COURSE!*

YES SIR, GREAT M.O.N.K.E.Y.S. U.N.C.L.E.!

I PREDICT *DISASTERS* WILL HAPPEN IF OUR HERD GETS ONTO THE COURSE!

LIKE ONE IS GOING TO HAPPEN *NOW!*

MY BALL IS LYING PERFECT! I COULD GET A *BIRDIE* FROM HERE!

OH, *NO!* NOT A *BIRDIE* LIKE *YOU!*

MY *BALL!* THIS OSTRICH *SWALLOWED* MY PERFECT BALL!

WE HOPE YOU WON'T BE *ANGRY,* SIR!

THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED IF WE HAD A *PROPER ZOO!*

ZOO! FOO! BOO! ACCORDING TO OUR TERMS, YOU'LL HAVE TO BUILD YOUR ZOO *WITHOUT* MY FAT DONATION!

LET'S HOPE WE CAN PREVENT ANY MORE ANIMAL ANTICS!

TOO LATE! LOOK OVER THAT WAY!

ANOTHER DISASTER ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

FORE!

THAT IS THE GOLFER WHO OFFERED US *TWO* THOUSAND DOLLARS!

GOODBYE TO ALL THOSE DOLLARS!

AGAIN A DOGGONED *ANIMAL* SPOILS MY GAME!

I CAN'T STAND IT! I'LL *BLOW UP* LIKE A VOLCANO!

SNAP!

!

DON'T TRY TO *EXPLAIN!* JUST LASSO THAT MONKEY AND SCRAM!

SNAP

SOB! SOB!

MAYBE ALL IS NOT LOST!

YEAH! REMEMBER ONE GUY OFFERED TO GIVE US *THREE* THOUSAND DOLLARS!

THERE HE IS NOW, AND HE'S ON THE GREEN IN FINE SHAPE!

HE'S SIGHTING HIS BALL FOR A *LONG PUTT!*

I MADE IT! A *THIRTY-FOOT PUTT!* THAT MAKES UP FOR MY *GIRAFFE* DISASTER!

WUP! THE BALL POPPED BACK *OUT* OF THE CUP!

IT'LL HAVE TO HAVE A *GOOD REASON* TO POP OUT AGAIN!

TAP!

IT HAS!

A *PYGMY ARMADILLO!* WHERE DID *HE* COME FROM?

FROM OUR *ZOO-NOT-TO-BE*, WE'RE AFRAID, MISTER!

HURRY, HURRY! I HEAR SOME GUY SCREECHING ON THE NEXT TEE!

IT'S THE GOLFER WHO EARLIER OFFERED US A *THOUSAND DOLLARS!*

FIRST AN *OSTRICH* SWALLOWED MY BALL! NOW AN *ELEPHANT* SNATCHES MY *CLUB!*

WE'LL GET IT BACK FOR YOU, MISTER!

SPLOK

YOU GOT *IT BACK* ALL RIGHT!

GIVE US THAT CLUB, YOU NAUGHTY BOY!

NO, NO, KIDS! WAIT! THIS IS BEGINNING TO BE *FUN!*

HEY, TOM! HEY, GEORGE! WHAT'LL YOU GIVE IF THIS *GOLFING ELEPHANT* CAN MAKE A HOLE-IN-ONE?

A *HOLE-IN-ONE?* I'LL GIVE THE BEAST A *BALE OF HAY!*

BE A *SPORT!* IF HE KNOCKS THE BALL INTO THAT CUP, I'LL GIVE HIM *FIVE THOUSAND* DOLLARS!

I'LL GIVE HIM *TEN THOUSAND!*

IF HE *REALLY* MAKES A HOLE-IN-ONE, I'LL GIVE THESE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS ENOUGH TO BUILD THEIR *WHOLE ZANY ZOO!*

SOK

THE BALL IS GOING INTO THE *ROUGH!*

NOPE! IT BOUNCED OFF SOME *ANIMAL'S* HIDE!

IT'S SAILING ON! IT'LL LAND ON THE *GREEN!*

BUT IT'S FAR TO THE *RIGHT* OF THE CUP!

IT'S BOUNCING ALONG A *CROCODILE'S* BACK!

PONK

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PONK

AND INTO THE CUP FOR A *HOLE-IN-ONE!*

SO THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS GET ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD A ZOO FOR THE LITTLE TROUPE OF ABANDONED ANIMALS—

WHAT A WONDERFUL THING YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, TROOPERS!

BIG, ROOMY CAGES AND PLAYPENS FOR ALL!

AND IT DIDN'T COST DUCKBURG A *CENT!*

LOOK, FOLKS! THERE IS A BIG *PASTURE* FOR THE RHINO!

UH-HUH!

RHINOCEROS

AND A *BASKING POOL* FOR THE *CROCODILE!*

UH-HUH!

AND TRAPEZES AND TRAMPOLINES AND FLIGHT CAGES FOR OTHER SPECIES!

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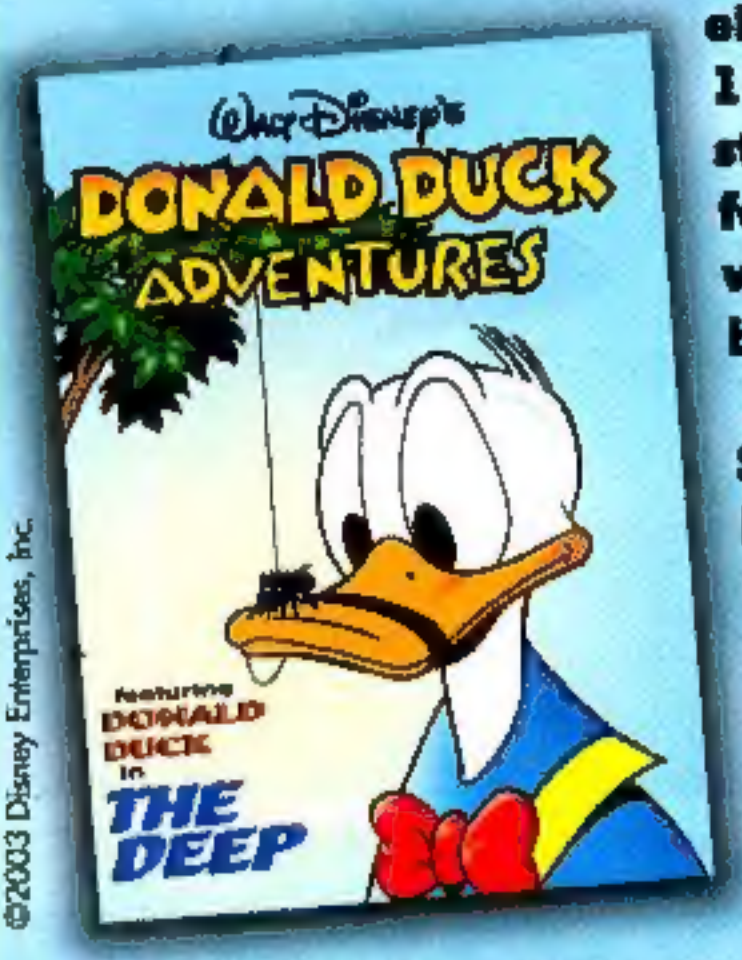

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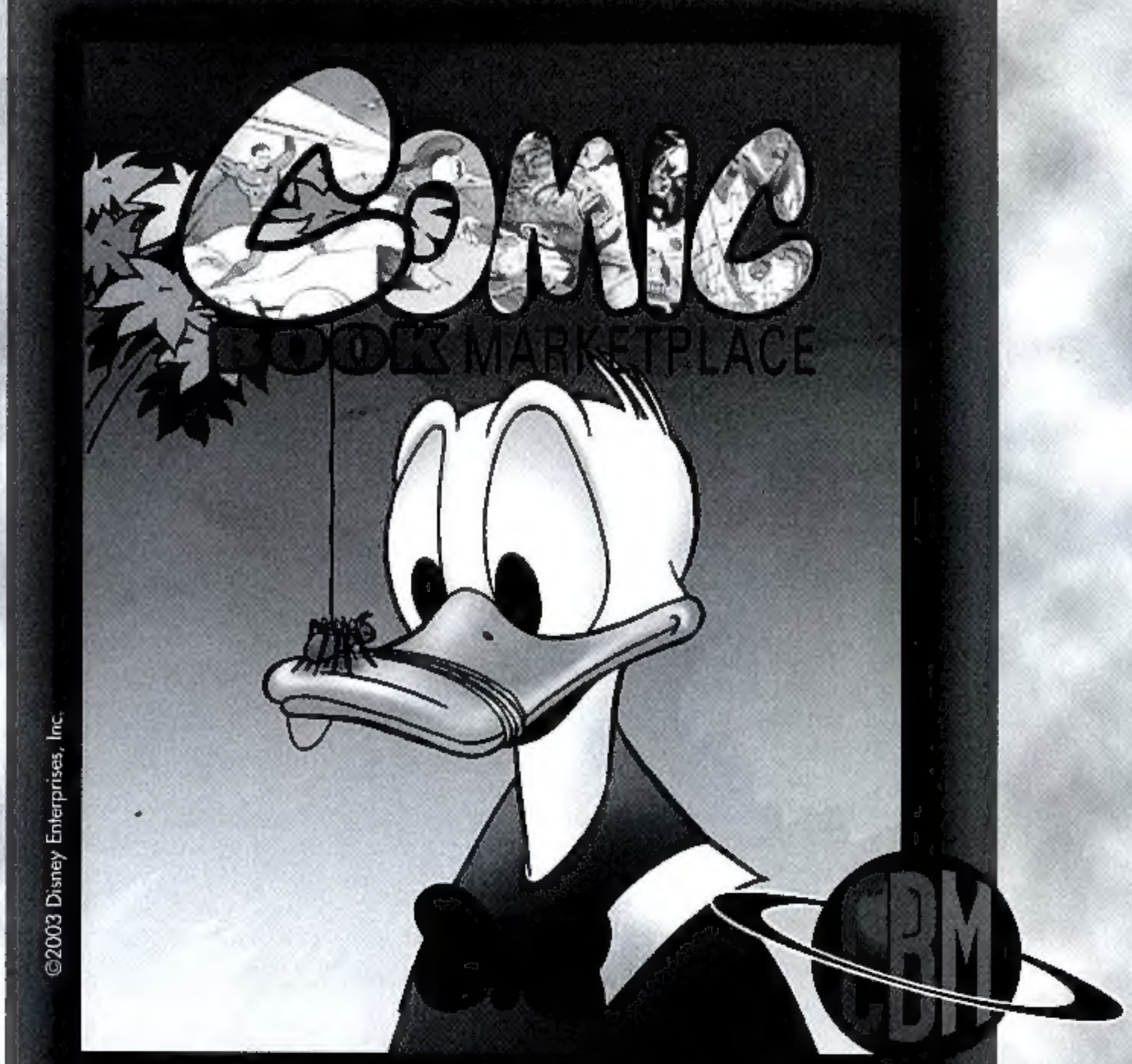

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